

REMARKS

I. Status of the claims

No claim has been amended in this response. Claims 1-35 are pending in this application.

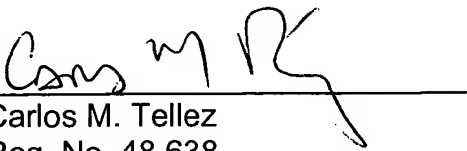
II. Amendments to the specification

Applicants amended this application by appending a Sequence Listing at the end of the specification. Because this Sequence Listing contains sequences that were provided in the application as originally filed, this document does not contain any new matter. Applicants also amended paragraph [0113] of the specification (p. 38-39) to identify the disclosed nucleotide sequence by the appropriate sequence identification number.

Should any fees not included herewith be required to comply with
the response to the Notice to File Missing Parts, please charge our
deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures to this amendment:

- a) A paper copy of the Sequence Listing (1 page)
- b) A computer readable format copy of the Sequence Listing (1 disk)
- c) A Statement to Support Filing of the Sequence Listing (1 page)

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